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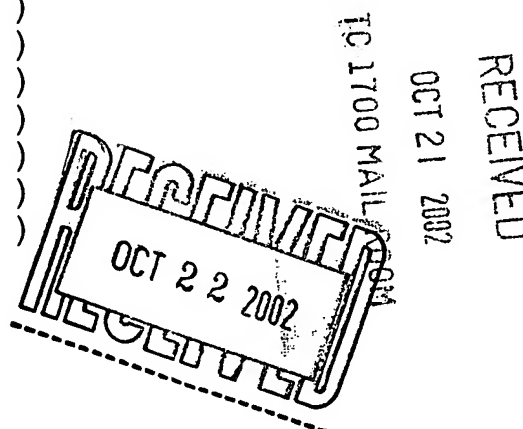
For: A PROCESS FOR
MANUFACTURING, MOULDING
AND CURING TYRES FOR
VEHICLE WHEELS)

Group Art Unit: 1732

Examiner: Unassigned

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of all of the listed documents (except U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 09/873,330 and 09/840,095, discussed below) were previously cited by or submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a prior U.S. application, Application Serial No. 09/365,231, filing date July 30, 1999 ("the '231 application"), upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. §120.

Regarding the non-English language documents, a concise explanation of the relevance of DE 355 909 was submitted in an IDS filed in the '231 application. Also,

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English language abstracts of EP 0 242 840 and EP 0 822 047 were submitted in IDSs filed in the '231 application.

Applicants pointed out U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/198,241 ("the '241 application") and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/219,422 ("the '422 application") in an IDS filed in the '231 application. While the '241 application has been abandoned, a continuation application to the '241 application has been filed, namely, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/873,330, filing date June 5, 2001 ("the '330 application"). Similarly, while the '422 application has been abandoned, a continuation application to the '422 application has been filed, namely, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/840,095, filing date April 24, 2001 ("the '095 application"). Copies of the '330 application and the '095 application are submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law,

Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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Applicants further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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